

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 06-451)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, VA 22313-1350

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.